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1. TEAM MET WITH ABOUT 35 TOP REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPANESE
FISHING INDUSTRY INCLUDING JAPANESE INFPC COMMISSIONERS
NISHIMURA AND KATO, AND THREE JFA REPS HEADED BY MATSUURA.
PRESS WAS NOT PRESENT. TEAM REVIEWED US-POLAND FISHERIES
AGREEMENT, US-USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT, AND ANSWERED INQUIRIES
REGARDING 200 MILE FISHERY JURISDICTION LEGISLATION IN US
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2. REVIEW OF US-POLAND WEST COAST FISHERY AGREEMENT WAS
FACTUAL WITH FEW QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS RAISED RELATED TO
POLISH TARGET SPECIEIS, BAN ON LONGLINING, DATES OF
TRAWL OPERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ENTRY INTO US PORTS BY

POLISH FISHING VESSELS FOR PURPOSES OF RESUPPLY OR OFF LOADING. TEAM BASED REPLIES ON CONTENTS OF AGREEMENT.

3. REVIEW OF US-USSR AGREEMENT FACTUAL WITH SOME QUESTIONS RAISED TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ISSUES. QUESTIONS PERTAINED TO SPECIES CAUGHT BY SOVIETS IN AREAS OF EASTERN BERING SEA CLOSED TO JAPAN BUT WHERE USSR VESSELS CAN FISH OFF-BOTTOM, TYPE OF GEAR AND MESH SIZE, AND RATE OF REDUCTION IN EFFORT THAT USG THOUGHT USEFUL. REQUESTIONS ANSWERED ON FACTUAL BASIS AND REFERRING TECHNICAL DETAILS TO INPFC MEETING IN NOV.

4. JAPANESE INDUSTRY RAISED QUESTION ON STATUS OF US-ROK AGREEMENT AND TEAM REPLIED CURRENT AGREEMENT NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO US. TEAM STATED ITS PLANS TO VISIT SEOUL TO DISCUSS CURRENT POLISH AND USSR AGREEMENTS AND PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON PROBLEM AREAS FOR POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROK AFTER NOVEMBER US-ROK WORKING GROUP MEETING.

5. SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE RAISED REGARDING USG INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS 200 MILE FISHERY LEGISLATION WHICH IS OF OBVIOUS DEEP CONCERN TO JAPANESE INDUSTRY. REPLY LIMITED TO FACTUAL REPORT ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION IN BOTH HOUSES OF US CONGRESS.

6. JAPANESE INDUSTRY PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY US TEAM ON REDUCED STATUS OF POLLOCK RESOURCE IN EASTERN BERING SEA. JAPANESE REPS WENT TO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL IN EXPLAINING REASON FOR 1974 CATCH BEING LESS THAN QUOTA AND ATTRIBUTED REDUCTION TO VOLUNTARY GOJ EFFORT TO REDUCE CATCH BECAUSE OF REDUCED POLLOCK ABUNDANCE. TEAM DID NOT PRESS DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT, BUT JAPANESE SIDE APPEARED CONCERNED US HAD RAISED THIS ISSUE AND DECLINED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT ON STATUS OF POLLOCK FISHERY IN 1975.

7. TEAM ACCOMPANIED BY REGFISHATT ANTICIPATES ARRIVING SEOUL ON SCHEDULE FOR DISCUSSIONS. GOJ PROVIDED TEAM NAMES OF NINE ROK BLACKCODE LONGLINERS OPERATING IN NORTH PACIFIC FOR USE IN ROK DISCUSSIONS.

8. TEAM ALSO MET IN LATE AFTERNOON WITH MR. LEE, ROK FISHERY ATTACHE IN TOKYO REGARDING SEOUL TRIP. LEE REPORTED ROK SIDE WOULD BE HEADED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL KANG ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST TWO FISHERY MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND THREE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. SHOESMITH

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